

**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

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| In the Matter of |) | File Number EB-02-AT-325 |
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| Good Radio Broadcasting Corporation |) | NAL/Acct. No.200332480001 |
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| Licensee and Owner of Unregistered Antenna |) | FRN 0007-6927-18 |
| Structure located at 33°01'22" North Latitude by |) | |
| 81°19'58" West Longitude in Allendale, South | | |
| Carolina | | |
| Allendale, South Carolina | | |

NOTICE OF APPARENT LIABILITY FOR FORFEITURE

Released: October 25, 2002

By the Enforcement Bureau, Atlanta Office:

I. INTRODUCTION

1. In this Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture ("NAL"), we find Good Radio Broadcasting Corporation ("Good Radio") apparently liable for a forfeiture in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for willful and repeated violation of Section 17.4(a) of the Commission's Rules ("Rules").¹ Specifically, we find Good Radio apparently liable for failing to register its antenna structure with the Commission.

II. BACKGROUND

2. On September 19, 2002, an agent of the FCC Enforcement Bureau's Atlanta Office inspected the antenna structure of radio station WDOG located at 33° 01' 22" North Latitude and 81° 19' 58" West Longitude in Allendale, South Carolina. The agent was accompanied by the President of Good Radio Broadcasting Corporation. The President of Good Radio stated that Good Radio owned the antenna structure. The agent noted that the structure was painted and had lighting; however, the tower was not registered with the Commission. The President of Good Radio stated the tower was not registered because he was unaware of the requirement to do so.

III. DISCUSSION

3. Section 17.4(a) of the Rules provides that, effective July 1, 1996, owners of any existing antenna structures that require notification to the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") must register the structure with the Commission. Section 17.4(a)(2) of the Rules provides that, effective July 1, 1998, owners of an antenna structure that had been assigned painting or lighting requirements prior to July 1,

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 17.4(a).

1996, must register the structure with the Commission. Good Radio's antenna structure required notification to the FAA because the structure exceeded 200 feet in height. In addition, the structure had been assigned painting and lighting requirements by the FCC on the WDOG broadcast station license. Therefore, Good Radio's antenna structure required Commission registration. As of September 19, 2002, Good Radio failed to register its antenna structure.

4. Based on the evidence before us, we find Good Radio willfully² and repeatedly³ violated Section 17.4(a) of the Rules by failing to register its antenna structure with the Commission.

5. Pursuant to Section 1.80(b)(4) of the Rules,⁴ the base forfeiture amount for failing to file required forms or information is \$3,000. In assessing the monetary forfeiture amount, we must also take into account the statutory factors set forth in Section 503(b)(2)(D) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended ("Act"), which include the nature, circumstances, extent, and gravity of the violation, and with respect to the violator, the degree of culpability, any history of prior offenses, ability to pay, and other such matters as justice may require.⁵ Considering the entire record and applying the factors listed above, this case warrants a \$3,000 forfeiture.

IV. ORDERING CLAUSES

6. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT, pursuant to Section 503(b) of the Act,⁶ and Sections 0.111, 0.311 and 1.80 of the Rules,⁷ Good Radio Broadcasting Corporation is hereby NOTIFIED of this APPARENT LIABILITY FOR A FORFEITURE in the amount of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) for willful and repeated violation of Section 17.4(a) of the Rules by failing to register its antenna structure with the Commission.

7. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT, pursuant to Section 1.80 of the Rules, within thirty days of the release date of this NAL, Good Radio Broadcasting Corporation SHALL PAY the full amount of the proposed forfeiture or SHALL FILE a written statement seeking reduction or cancellation of the proposed forfeiture.

8. Payment of the forfeiture may be made by mailing a check or similar instrument, payable to the

² Section 312(f)(1) of the Act, 47 U.S.C. § 312(f)(1), which applies to violations for which forfeitures are assessed under Section 503(b) of the Act, provides that "[t]he term 'willful', when used with reference to the commission or omission of any act, means the conscious and deliberate commission or omission of such act, irrespective of any intent to violate any provision of this Act" See *Southern California Broadcasting Co.*, 6 FCC Rcd 4387-88 (1991).

³ The term "repeated," when used with reference to the commission or omission of any act, "means the commission or omission of such act more than once or, if such commission or omission is continuous, for more than one day." 47 U.S.C. § 312(f)(2).

⁴ 47 C.F.R. § 1.80(b)(4).

⁵ 47 U.S.C. § 503(b)(2)(D).

⁶ 47 U.S.C. § 503(b).

⁷ 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.111, 0.311, 1.80.

order of the Federal Communications Commission, to the Forfeiture Collection Section, Finance Branch, Federal Communications Commission, P.O. Box 73482, Chicago, Illinois 60673-7482. The payment should note the NAL/Acct. No. and FRN referenced above. Requests for payment of the full amount of this NAL under an installment plan should be sent to: Chief, Revenue and Receivables Operations Group, 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20554.⁸

9. The response, if any, must be mailed to Federal Communications Commission, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington DC 20554, Attn: Enforcement Bureau-Technical & Public Safety Division and MUST INCLUDE THE NAL/Acct. No. referenced above.

10. The Commission will not consider reducing or canceling a forfeiture in response to a claim of inability to pay unless the petitioner submits: (1) federal tax returns for the most recent three-year period; (2) financial statements prepared according to generally accepted accounting practices (“GAAP”); or (3) some other reliable and objective documentation that accurately reflects the petitioner’s current financial status. Any claim of inability to pay must specifically identify the basis for the claim by reference to the financial documentation submitted.

11. Under the Small Business Paperwork Relief Act of 2002, Pub L. No. 107-198, 116 Stat. 729 (June 28, 2002), the FCC is engaged in a two-year tracking process regarding the size of entities involved in forfeitures. If you qualify as a small entity and if you wish to be treated as a small entity for tracking purposes, please so certify to us within thirty (30) days of this NAL, either in your response to the NAL or in a separate filing to be sent to the Technical & Public Safety Division. Your certification should indicate whether you, including your parent entity and its subsidiaries, meet one of the definitions set forth in the list provided by the FCC’s Office of Communications Business Opportunities (OCBO) set forth in Attachment A of this Notice of Apparent Liability. This information will be used for tracking purposes only. Your response or failure to respond to this question will have no effect on your rights and responsibilities pursuant to Section 503(b) of the Communications Act. If you have questions regarding any of the information contained in Attachment A, please contact OCBO at (202) 418-0990.

12. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT a copy of this NAL shall be sent by regular mail and Certified Mail Return Receipt Requested to Good Radio Broadcasting Corporation Highway 125 North, Allendale, South Carolina 29810.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION

Fred Broce

⁸ See 47 C.F.R. § 1.1914.

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Attachment